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Announcement.
We are authorized to announce Charles Lloyd, of the First ward, as a candidate for nomination for the office of Clerk of the City of Fairmont, subject to Republican convention or primary election.

We are authorized to announce A. P. Jones of the Second ward as a candidate for the office of clerk of the City of Fairmont, subject to the Republican nominating convention.

EFFECT TO EXCESSIVE DEFORESTATION.

"What has been the effect of the tremendous consumption of timber upon our forests?" This question is often asked by people in various sections of the country, and often the information of the average man on the subject is not definite enough to enable him to make a clear and satisfactory answer. R. S. Kellogg, assistant forester, engaged upon statistics in the United States Forest Service, in giving a concise answer to the important question says:

"Now our annual requirements exceed forty billion feet of timber, one hundred million cross-ties, four million cords of pulp wood, besides great quantities of other forms of forest products, such as firewood, posts, poles, mine timbers, etc. The per capita consumption of lumber in the United States was 215 board feet in 1880; now it is 470 board feet.

"One forest region after another has been attacked. With the exception of Maine, the New England States are cutting mostly second or third growth timber. The box factories there take white pine saplings down to six inches in diameter. The so-called 'inexhaustible' white pine forests of Michigan are gone, and millions of acres of cut-over and burned-over land have gone upon the delinquent tax list. Michigan supplied 23 per cent. of the lumber production of the United States in 1880, and less than 5 per cent. of it in 1907.

"The value of the lumber production in Michigan since 1849 has been 50 per cent. greater than the output of gold in California, and it has all taken place without a thought for the future. The cream of our hardwoods is gone, and it is becoming more and more difficult to get in sufficient quantity the high grades of oak yellow poplar, ash and hickory that our great manufacturing industries require. The South's once great supply of yellow pine is rapidly giving way before axe and saw, fire and tornado. Half a generation more will, in most places, see little but remnants left of the southern forests, and in that time the Pacific coast supplies will be heavily drawn upon.

"Ours is primarily a wood-using civilization. Despite the introduction of substitutes for wood in the form of stone, cement, concrete, and steel, our consumption of timber has constantly increased from the earliest days up to the present time. The prices of forest products have risen more rapidly than those of other commodities. According to the reports of the Bureau of Labor, the quoted prices of the leading kinds of lumber on the New York market have risen twice as much in the last ten years as the average increase in all commodities. This indicates that the supply of timber is not keeping pace with the demand."

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

No, a few people are puzzled over the vote on Friday in the Senate when an attempt was made to substitute the Hazlett for the Craig local option bill. Of course there may be many points of difference in the two bills, but so far as the general information about them is concerned the Craig bill seems to change conditions very little from the present plan of regulating the sale of liquor while the Hazlett bill provides for county option. According to statements made relative to the two bills it would seem that the Hazlett bill is a temperance measure while the Craig bill is in high favor with the whiskey interests. The latter provides that towns and cities of 2,000 and upwards control the matter of license through council, the people not having a chance to vote on the question except by electing wet or dry members of council. That doesn't look good to us at all. It has every appearance of making progress backward, yet the Craig bill received 15 votes in the Senate, while the Hazlett bill received only 13. Yet,

we are further assured that the vote on these two bills was in no way a test of the prohibition strength in the Senate, it being stated that several Senators who voted for the Craig bill favor submitting the amendment while some who supported the Hazlett bill will oppose submission, among them being the patron of the latter, Senator Hazlett himself. All this tends to confuse things worse and worse, and the people are very much at sea as to what will be the outcome. Surely, the State Senators will not go on record finally for a bill which does not give the people of towns and cities a chance to vote on the matter of license and oppose county option, following this with a refusal to submit the prohibition amendment to a vote of the people. If that is the senatorial programme there is likely to be some loud protests in the gallery.

There remain but sixteen working days after to-day till the end of the legislative session, the 45-day limit coming on Friday, the 25th inst. They will be sixteen strenuous days, too, we can rest assured of that.

If the legislators had to go to Charleston on horseback, they would probably feel more concerned in the matter of good roads than they can possibly be under existing conditions.

The production tax measure begins to look like an unsafe bet even in the House of Delegates.

Parkersburg Team Won.

The Parkersburg High school team defeated the local High school team at basket ball Saturday night by the score of 37 to 10.

Next Friday night the local team will play the Point Marion High school team at the High school gym.

QUITE CORDIALLY

(From the New York Globe.)
I met her at a dinner dance
Straightway my heart began to prance;
You see, 'twas love right at a glance,
Quite uncontrolled
My feelings were; at once I wooed
Her with an ardent true; no crule—
I dared not be, though she's no prude.
A bit too bold,
(She treated me
Quite cordially.)
Permission granted oft I called,
Ah, me, with ice her heart was walled,
While mine was battered, bruised and mowed.
And I protest
That naught could an impression make
On her. I thought my heart would break.
For weeks I went, for her sweet sake,
Without my rest,
(She treated me
Quite cordially.)
Tails morning's mail brought me a note,
In haste I looked at what she wrote—
I lump has risen in my throat,
For she's to wed
My rival; and I'm writing now
To wish her joy, and tell her how
I'm pleased to hear the news. I vow
That's what I've said,
(She wrote to me
Quite cordially.)

SLAYS HUSBAND.

Woman Disembowels Him With Razor as He Was Sleeping—Arrested Soon After Crime.

MILTON, W. Va., Feb. 3.—Believing her husband unfaithful Mary Miller at an early hour yesterday morning murdered her husband while he was asleep, by disemboweling him with a razor. Miller had been out late and his wife being insane with jealousy, entered his room soon after he retired and committed the deed.

Mrs. Miller was arrested and was sent to the Huntington jail. The remains of the murdered man were also sent there for burial.

GOV. DAWSON

In Washington to Confer With Senators—Will Call on the President To-Day.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Governor W. M. O. Dawson, of West Virginia, arrived here yesterday and held a conference with the senators. He later saw the members of the house from his State. It is understood that he will have a conference with the President to-day. The senators will urge upon Mr. Roosevelt a good federal position for the governor. Governor Dawson will remain in Washington but a short time, as matters at Charleston during the legislature require his attention.

THE STAGE

"GIRLS."

"Girls," the newest, and no doubt, the most important comedy offering by Sam S. and Lee Shubert, will be the next offering of real importance at the Grand on to-morrow night. The play is from the pen of the gifted and successful author, Clyde Fitch, and has to its credit a nearly all season run at Daly's Broadway Theater, New

3 Days

THESE SILKS WILL BE ON SALE FOR THE THREE DAYS ONLY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, FEB. 11, 12, 13

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For several months we have carefully bought choice lots of the best Silks wherever we could find bargains. Every lot bought was under market value, and we are now ready with many thousand yards of both plain and fancy weaves, and offer them, in many cases, at prices actually lower than they can be bought regularly at wholesale.

Sale Begins Thursday Morning, Feb'y 11, at 8 O'Clock

75c AND 85c FANCY SILKS 49c YD.

A beautiful collection of newest soft silks, in plaids, stripes, checks and Persian effects. Just what you need for your new waist or Suit for Spring. All the most wanted shades, such as Wisteria, Taupe, Old Rose, Lavender, Peacock Blue and Reseda is in this lot.

Sale Price 49c yard

SPECIAL YARD WIDE BLACK TAFFETA SILK, 69c YD.

How many yards please? While we have a large quantity of this silk, it is such an unusual value, that we can hardly expect it to last throughout the sale. Buy early is our advice. This silk has a fine lustre and wear is fully guaranteed.

Only 69c yard

\$1.00 and \$1.25 Fancy Silk Waistings, 79c

In this lot are scores of most beautiful exclusive patterns, of 4 1/2 and 5 yard lengths. Suitable for Evening and Dressy Waists.

Sale Price 79c

\$1.00 Satin Foulard Silks, 55c

This is one of the most popular Dress fabrics for Spring—24 inches wide, beautiful new colorings just received—a great special value.

Sale Price 55c

\$1.25 yard wide Colored Taffeta Silk, 98c

We warrant this silk to give satisfactory wear. It is full yard wide and comes in the following colors: White, Cardinal, Wine, Navy, Light Blue, Pink, Reseda, Grey and Brown. A great value.

Sale Price 98c

\$1.25 yard wide Black Taffeta Silk, 89c

An excellent black silk for all purposes on which you save liberally.

Sale Price 89c

\$1.50 yard wide Black Taffeta Silk, 98c

This is a remarkable silk at an exceptionally low price. A heavy rustling, lustrous silk, and is worth every cent of \$1.50 a yard. Wear warranted.

Sale Price 98c

75c Plain Messaline Silks, 49c

An unheard of price for this popular soft silk that is selling so well. All best shades. Sale Price 49c

\$1.50 Full Yard Wide Black Messaline Silk, \$1.19

This is truly a great silk offering—the equal of which you will seldom find anywhere. Sale Price \$1.19

\$1.40 Black Peau de Soie Silk, 36 in, 98c

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This Satin always sells at the standard price of \$1.00 a yard. For this 3-day sale we will close out our present stock and save you 21c per yard on same. Colors are Tan, Pearl Grey, Dark Grey, White, Cream and Black.

We included, in this sale all Silk Crepe de Chine, Suesine and Jap Silks, and every yard of dress silk fabric in the store—all at greatly lessened prices.

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York. To create laughs was the intention of the playwright and in this he has been most successful. There are laughs for the pessimist, for the lover, for the woman-hater, for the man-hater, for young and old, in "Girls;" and then again we are told that it contains a pretty love story so cleverly interwoven as to make it not only a play for those who seek the lighter form of entertainment, but one that appeals to the more serious minded. Taken as a whole "Girls" will prove to be one of the most entertaining productions of the season.

Southern Play.

"The Girls of the Sunny South," a very strenuous play that is achieving great popularity wherever shown, is announced here for Saturday, matinee and night, February 13, at the Grand Opera House. This play by reason of many charming qualities is entitled to the strong hold it has on the sensibilities of intelligent theater-goers—it is full of animation, heart interest and really there's no play of recent years that compares with it in the sense of entertainment—on the occasion of its presentation here it will have all the advantages of a full scenic and electrical equipment and the company will meet all possible requirements.